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*Weekly return of births, deaths, and marriages in 8 principal towns of Scotland.*

[By authority of the registrar-general.]

The death rate in 8 principal towns during the week ended with Saturday, February 18, 1899, was 28.0 per thousand of estimated population. This rate is 7.6 above that of the corresponding week of last year, but 3.2 below that for the previous week of the present year.

The lowest mortality was recorded in Dundee, viz, 18.0 per thousand; and the highest in Paisley, viz, 34.5 per thousand.

The mortality from the 7 most familiar zymotic diseases was at the rate of 2.5 per thousand, being 0.8 below that for last week.

The deaths from bronchitis, pneumonia, and pleurisy amounted to 280, being 63 below the number for the previous week.

The mean temperature was 43.2°, being 3.4° above that for the week immediately preceding, and 2.7° above that for the corresponding week of 1898.

ITALY—*Venice*.—Month of January, 1899. Estimated population, 27,438. Total number of deaths, 42, including diphtheria, 2; measles, 1, and 2 from typhus fever.

JAMAICA.—Two weeks ended February 11. Estimated population, 694,866. Total number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases.

*Kingston*.—Month of January, 1899. Estimated population, 34,314. Total number of deaths, 155. No deaths from contagious diseases.

NORFOLK—*Island*.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 876. No deaths. Measles epidemic.

RUSSIA—*Siberia*.—*Vladivostock*.—Month of September, 1898. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 20, including 1 from diphtheria.

Month of October. Total number of deaths, 44, including diphtheria, 3, and 4 from typhus fever.

Month of November. Total number of deaths, 62, including diphtheria, 1; scarlet fever, 4, and 6 from typhus fever.